

# FOURUM FIVE



revenue of this year's Students' Union was spent trying to solve problems that existed long before this executive took office. Our major difficulty has been HUB but every indication is that our problems are only temporary. It is a project of which anyone associated with HUB can be proud. No other Students' Union in North America has undertaken such a venture but we believe, when we demonstrate how viable such a facility can be, we will not be the last.

In spite of the financial difficulties created by HUB the Students' Union was able to provide some new and beneficial services which we hope were appreciated. Perhaps the most widely publicized has been the opening of a Pub in Room at the Top. Although this service has been very successful it has not been without criticism. Liquor on campus and the small size of the Pub has been the two most contentious points.

In addition the Students Union this year established a record co-op in HUB which distributes records at fifty cents above cost. This service has been very successful and the high volume of records sold have made this a breakeven project.

Step Seven of registration was intended to be the beginning of a program that would combine Freshman Orientation and Freshman Introduction into one, day long, compulsory initiation. Groups of about 15 first-year students spent one half hour with a seminar leader who presented an informal talk on university affairs and students involvement. After the information questions of particular interest to the individual student were entertained.

It was the Students' Union's understanding that Step Seven was to receive the cooperation of the registrar's office, however, assistant registrar, A.L. Darling attempted often to sabotage this project. In spite of this lack of cooperation Step Seven was able to reach 2500 freshmen students in four days. Don Quinn, the director and the twenty or so volunteers who conducted the seminars are largely to credit for the success of Step Seven.

A word about the compulsory aspect may be in order, as this area has received some criticism. I believe that it is absolutely necessary that first-year students receive a comprehensive introduction to the university whether they want it or not. The individuals least likely to participate in a voluntary program are often the very ones who would benefit most from such a service. It is my hope that next year the university will cooperate with the Students' Union in order to improve orientation programs

whatever form they take. It is incumbent upon any group which purports to be concerned with the well-being of students to see that information about facilities, extra-curricular activities and the operation of the university is presented to new students in a way that requires minimal effort on the part of the student.

This part year we have witnessed an attempt to revive a national student organization with the hope that such a body would deal with problems of concern to all students. The U of A Students' Union was instrumental in helping the National Union of Students with an initial grant of \$1500. As time passed however it became more and more apparent that the NUS was becoming a political movement more concerned with boycotts than with negotiating. The U of A hosted the National Conference of the NUS in October and we are still attempting to collect more than \$1500 in unpaid bills incurred by the NUS. Although delegate fees to cover the expenses of the conference were collected by the NUS it is not known what became of the money. To say that I have lost faith in this group entirely would be an understatement.

One major problem that has affected the Students' Union has been the lack of constructive feedback from its members. After the programs are initiated it is seldom that anyone offered encouragement or thanks to those who worked to bring about new services. At this time I wish to thank some of those who gave their time to benefit others. Thanks to Robyn Campbell, Don Quinn, Eugene Brody, Wayne Madden, Doug Elves, Frans Slatter, Ken Kramer, Greg Teal, Garry West, and the fraternities for their many contributions to the Students' Union.

One great asset to the Students Union has been the tremendous help we have received from the University Administration and the cooperation of the Board of Governors.

These are critical times for universities. The provincial government has assumed a greater role in policy matters and it appears that many are questioning the value of a university education. I for one wish to go on record as saying that the value of a university education is beyond estimation as an experience. I firmly believe that that experience must contain a variety of activities that go well beyond the pursuit of a degree. It is my hope that the Students' Union will continue to provide new and improved services and a voice for the needs of students.

George Mantor

## Cariou

Through one strange twist of Fate, I was fortunate to receive Thursdays Gateway here in Ottawa. Upon reading Kimball Cariou's verbal bombasts, I was quite convinced, "Yes, Wayne, a skunk can be smelled clear across Canada."

I have no other words for such nonsense and untruths as that I have read in that collection of words - supposedly representing a campaign platform.

Mr. Cariou, who has done absolutely nothing around the Students' Union in the last year charges that there is corruption in the Students' Union, a charge completely false, made in total lack of knowledge about the situation involved. His promise of a full investigation is odd - one has already taken place.

Then Mr. Cariou speaks of cutting management power. Again, though, he fails to represent the facts. The Students' Union is in the process of cutting back management 50%, and the majority of management workload has shifted to the shoulders of students in leadership positions.

Now it really gets exciting with Cariou yapping for more interest in student housing. What does he think that HUB - the most important thing on our budget is all about.

Finally he tells us that we need to be in NUS, despite the fact that students themselves rejected this expenditure.

Mr. Cariou states he needs the assistance of progressive individuals to achieve his "goals"! - He'll have to look hard - Only Cariou would make an offer that couldn't be accepted.

Sincerely  
Wayne Madden  
Ed. Rep to Students' Council

## Gripes

If your attitude toward dentistry and dental health week is an indication of your acceptance of outside influence on your life then you should either abandon all attempts to seek any academic training or concern yourself only with inanimate objects of charts and numbers. Your effect on real people could be disastrous. Your chances of a career in journalism are severely limited since your

## Minutes of Administration Board Meeting

March 12, 1974

Present:  
Brian Wagner  
Jim Talbot  
Ted Shandro  
Charles Hall  
Pat Noselski  
Heather Murdock

George Mantor  
Ritchie Fairbairn  
Gary Croxton  
Susan McNally  
Darrel Ness  
Burt Krull

### 1) Council Speaker Interviews

Four individuals were interviewed by Administration Board. After lengthy debate the following recommendation was forthcoming:

Recommendation: That Rick Cooper be appointed Council Speaker at a salary of \$20 per meeting for the 1974-75 year.

### 2) Preliminary Budget, 1974-75

The Budget was again reviewed and amended by Administration Board. A representation was made by two individuals on behalf of Operation Placement, the result of which being a grant of \$1,000 to that organization:

Recommendation: That Council accept document No. SC73-168, No. AB73-25, No. F-461 as the recommended Preliminary Budget for 1974-75.

article of last week.

Since you obviously did not get the message from the efforts of the people concerned with the promotion of dental health week, I will try and state it again, simply and in terms you may be familiar with. The dental profession is trying to save YOU money and improve your dental health.

Over the years dentistry has been improving technical skills and material requirements at a pace equal to any other field you care to mention. However, these advances in science and techniques and materials demand an increase in not only cost but time. Since everything is relative, cost can be reduced by advances in time and motion; but the rise in the standard of living takes care of that, doesn't it. To make a story short, reparative or reconstructive dentistry is not the answer. The dental profession realizes this fact and is telling it like it is. Don't get uptight when someone tells you that you can clean your own rotten sulcus.

Most people who have been exposed to preventive dentistry can understand it's simple logic. Who knows perhaps in time, if someone can penetrate your suspicious and cynical shell, you may also learn to treat yourself.

If dentists were as you say, socialized dentistry would be a blessing. Just imagine an unlimited supply of warm bodies, the payment of their oral rehabilitation guaranteed, walking in the front door of every dental office in Canada. A new graduate would have his financial future assured. There would be no sense in wasting time on prevention because restorative dentistry would be more remunerative. Check out Britain's national dental health scheme and see if you can find where it says that preventive dentistry is more financially rewarding to the dentist than continual carpentry.

It would stand to reason that the more fillings he could crank out and the more teeth he could pull, the more money he would make. Not that this would have any effect on the quality of the service provided, I just mentioned it so that when you know you have been ripped off, it's by socialism and not by dentistry.

Most people grasp the concept of preventive dentistry very quickly but you have me very curious. I'm not sure whether your intelligence limits your capacity to understand or if you try to complicate everything that is simple and logical. If you can help me straighten out this matter or if I can be of help in your understanding the idea of prevention rather than treatment, I can be reached at almost any hour through my office, my home, or the emergency department of the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Yours very truly,  
K.A. Hart D.D.S.

## NAIT

Upon reviewing the education standard of the U of A compared to that of NAIT, one must feel a certain degree of apprehension.

At university the student is exposed to a more mature level of awareness, where as at NAIT because of being restricted to one narrow technology, the students fail to obtain a higher level of self awareness.

Granted they are extremely proficient in their own technology but one can only feel that these students have become so narrow and technologically orientated that our society can only suffer.

Yuri Podnov

## The Gateway

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